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TURNING POINT'S "MAGIC & LAUGHTER" GALA RAISES NEARLY \$85,000

VERONA, NJ – Turning Point's benefit gala has become an annual tradition over the past decade and, this year, the agency's Board of Trustees wanted to try something completely different. The result, "An Evening of Magic & Laughter," raised nearly \$85,000 to benefit Turning Point's treatment programs for those suffering from the disease of alcohol and drug addiction.

The event, held at the elegant Crystal Plaza in Livingston, featured John Pizzi, who performs a singular blend of stand-up comedy, magic, ventriloquism and illusion and who had the 200 guests in stitches

The evening also included a cocktail dinner reception, music, dancing, and prize raffles. The featured raffle prize was a 52" Toshiba LCD Television donated by Electronics Expo of Wayne.

"Every year, our Gala is a great opportunity to raise funds and touch base with our wonderful supporters," said Dr. Manuel Guantez, Executive Director, "and this year, it was an especially fun time from start to finish."

Turning Point, nationally recognized for its compassionate and effective treatment of alcoholism and drug dependency, has served more than 35,000 clients from Essex County and surrounding communities at its residential treatment centers since 1975.

Turning Point is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and adheres to the criteria set by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). For more information about Turning Point and its services, go to www.tpnj.org or call 973-239-9400.

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